



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Ward 4 – House Fire - 6900 Block of East Douglas Place

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Dispatch Time – 0521
On Scene Time – 0526
Fire Under Control – 0542

A man and his two cats were displaced after a fire started in the kitchen of his home. He was sleeping when he was woken by the sound of the smoke detector and the pounce of his frightened cat. He shut the door to the bedroom the cats were in and exited immediately. Firefighters arrived to find black smoke rolling out of the front door and the man waiting outside. Sixteen minutes later the flames were extinguished. No injuries occurred.

Red Cross was not needed. This man will be staying elsewhere until repairs can be completed. Damage assessment is approximately \$70,000.

Cause – Accidental – A burning candle was left unattended on the kitchen counter.

Origin – Kitchen counter

Safety message: This fire serves as a reminder of the importance of having a working smoke detector and an escape plan. It also reminds us of the dangers of leaving candles unattended for any amount of time. Extinguish candles when leaving the room or before going to sleep.